

Fwd: Support for businesses impacted by protest in downtown Ottawa

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Date: Wed, 09 Feb 2022 23:54:02 +0000
Attachments: Letter from Ottawa Board of Trade Support for Business - Feb 8, 2022.pdf (172.54 kB); Truck Convoy Protest - Support for Businesses Impacted.pdf (149.23 kB)

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Sent: February 9, 2022 4:52 PM
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Importance: High

Hi Shannon, Kenzie, and Morgan,

Please see email below from Ottawa Centre MP Naqvi to Ministers Jaczek, Freeland, Ng and Boissonnault today asking for business support due to the severe impact the trucker blockade is having on downtown Ottawa businesses.

Also see attached two letters from the Ottawa Board of Trade and the Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas detailing their requests for assistance.

We have asked our officials to consider how Fed Dev Ontario may be able to assist in this matter and to coordinate with your offices on a response. We have also asked them to draft a response to MP Naqvi, the Ottawa Board of Trade and the Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas by Friday noon – Feb 11. Once we have it, we can share.

Can you please add your relevant team members, including those on your policy teams to this chain?

Also, if any of your offices are working on a solution, can you keep us all in the loop?

We would like to ensure that we are coordinated on our approach.

Thank you.
Best,

Chike (Charles) Agbasi

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Cc: Fortier, Mona - Personnel <[Irrelevant]@parl.gc.ca>

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Dear Chrystia, Mary, Helena and Randy,

As you are aware, the protest in Ottawa is having a severe impact on businesses in downtown Ottawa (in Mona's and my riding). Businesses are shuttered for almost two weeks now, with unfortunately no end in sight. The economic impact is devastating, in addition to restrictions placed due to the pandemic.

They are crying out for immediate financial help. Mona (copied) and I completely sympathize with them.

I know that Mona is working closely with you to find ways to support our businesses. I support her efforts, and here to help in any way I can.

I am also attaching letters received from the Ottawa Board of Trade and the Ottawa Coalition of Business Improvement Areas for your consideration.

I sincerely appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Regards,

Yasir

Yasir Naqvi

MP, Ottawa Centre

Député, Ottawa-Centre